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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH TURKISH DCM ON ARREST OF TURKISH
NATIONALS IN EAST GERMANY ON NARCOTICS CHARGES.

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1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, SEPTEMBER 8, CALLED ON
TURKISH EMBASSY DCM FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ARREST OF
TURKISH NATIONALS IN EAST GERMANY ON NARCOTICS CHARGES.
HE INFORMED US THAT THE TURKISH NATIONAL MENTIONED IN
REFTEL WAS ARRESTED IN LEIPZIG APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO.
HOWEVER, CHARGE IS FOR BEING INVOLVED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCI-
DENT (NO OTHER VEHICLE INVOLVED), RESISTING ARREST, AND
NOT ON A NARCOTICS CHARGE.

2. TURKISH DCM ALSO NOTED FOLLOWING CASES: ONE TURKISH
NATIONAL, YILMAZ PEHLIVAN, ARRESTED IN DRESDEN IN 1976
FOR POSSESSION OF HASHISH (QUANTITY UNKNOWN), JAILED FOR
SIX MONTHS, RELEASED INTO WEST BERLIN IN 1977. TWO TURKISH
NATIONALS WERE ARRESTED AT SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT APPROXI-
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MATELY THREE MONTHS AGO ON CHARGE OF BRINGING ONE KILO
60 GRAMS OF HASHISH INTO THE GDR. ONE WAS ABLE TO PROVE
HIS INNOCENCE AND WAS RELEASED AFTER ONE MONTH'S DETAIN-
MENT. THE OTHER, YASAR CAMDALI, WAS SENTENCED TO TWENTY
MONTHS IMPRISONMENT. BOTH WERE ON A FLIGHT FROM SOFIA TO
SCHOENEFELD.

3. TURKISH DCM IS OF VIEW THAT TURKISH NATIONALS ARE INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING OF NARCOTICS. HOWEVER, HIS EMBASSY FEELS POINT OF ENTRY IS TEGEL AND NOT SCHOENEFELD. HE STATES THEIR RECORDS SHOW THAT ABOUT 20,000 TURKS MAKE ROUND TRIPS EACH YEAR FROM SCHOENEFELD TO ISTANBUL, AND ABOUT 60,000 ROUND TRIPS EACH YEAR FROM TEGEL-ISTANBUL. HE SAID TEGEL-ISTANBUL IS THE CHEAPEST WAY TO GO BECAUSE CHARTER FLIGHT FARES IN HIGH SEASON ARE ABOUT 50 MARKS CHEAPER AND IN LOW SEASON, ABOUT 100 MARKS CHEAPER THAN EITHER INTERFLUG OR TURKISH AIRLINES, WHICH FLY INTO SCHOENEFELD. HE SAID ALSO THAT FEWER CUSTOMS CHECKS ARE INVOLVED IN ISTANBUL-TEGEL FLIGHT: ONE IN ISTANBUL, THE OTHER AT TEGEL. ISTANBUL-SCHOENEFELD ROUTE INVOLVES FOUR CHECKS: ISTANBUL AND SCHOENEFELD, PLUS EAST AND WEST SIDES OF WALTERSDORFER CHAUSSEE CHECKPOINT CROSSING.

4. TURKISH EMBASSY ALSO FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE BULK OF NARCOTICS COMING INTO WEST GERMANY ARRIVE IN TIR TRUCKS FROM SYRIA, LEBANON, IRAN, IRAQ AND BULGARIA. TURKEY WAS NOT MENTIONED.

5. IN CLOSING, TURKISH DCM SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT LIAISON BETWEEN THE TWO EMBASSIES ON THIS MATTER WAS ESTABLISHED AND THAT HE WOULD INFORM US OF RECEIPT OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING NARCOTICS, OR THE ARREST OF ANY OF THEIR NATIONALS BY GDR AUTHORITIES WHO WERE INVOLVED

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